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## **STATE TREASURER ANGELIDES, SENATOR FLOREZ, ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS UNVEIL NEW LEGISLATION TO PROTECT VALLEY FROM DAIRY POLLUTION**

*SB 931 Places Stringent Environmental Requirements on  
State Loans for Dairy Pollution Control Projects*

BAKERSFIELD, CA - California State Treasurer Phil Angelides, State Senator Dean Florez (D-Shafter), environmental leaders and local officials today unveiled legislation to protect the Central Valley's air and water from dairy pollution by placing strict environmental requirements on state loans for dairy pollution control projects. Authored by Florez and sponsored by Angelides, SB 931 prohibits the California Pollution Control Financing Authority (CPCFA) from financing new dairy pollution control projects until regulators put in place new standards to reduce pollution. Once these standards are in place, the bill requires loan applicants to demonstrate that any new projects financed by the Authority result in pollution reduction that exceeds adopted air and water quality regulations.

"Our message today is clear: we are dedicated to cleaning up our air and cleaning up our water," Angelides said at a news conference in Bakersfield. "These tough new rules are vital to protecting the health of Central Valley families."

"Unless we first require adherence to a strict pollution control standard, we will be paying good money to have dairies add equipment that could be outdated next year," Senator Florez said. "Treasurer Angelides and I are committed to seeing to it that CPCFA is more than pollution control in name only, and that the Valley's air and water are protected to support a vibrant community for generations to come."

SB 931 was praised today by environmental leaders including Mark Murray, Executive Director of Californians Against Waste and by Valley local government officials including Shafter Mayor Fran Florez, and Wasco City Councilmembers Larry Pearson, Danny Espitia, and Cheryl Wegman, who joined Angelides and Florez at a news conference and vowed to work together to pass the bill to protect the health of Central Valley families.

The bill prohibits new dairy pollution control financings until air and water quality regulators put in place new standards to reduce dairy pollution. Once these environmental standards are in place, the bill requires loan applicants to prove their compliance with air and water quality regulations for the jurisdiction where the project is located. The legislation also requires



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applicants to demonstrate that their project will result in pollution reduction that exceeds adopted regulations, and to detail the environmental benefits their project will provide to the local community.

Angelides, who chairs the California Pollution Control Financing Authority (CPCFA), called for a 90-day moratorium on new dairy financing in October, 2004 while new environmental standards governing the dairy projects were developed. In March, 2005 Angelides called on his fellow CPCFA board members to extend the moratorium, but the two other members of the board, State Controller Steve Westly and Governor Schwarzenegger, voted to continue financing dairy operations without the tougher environmental standards in place. In September, 2005 Angelides renewed his request for a moratorium on dairy financings. Neither the Controller's representative nor the Governor's representative supported his motion.

SB 931 is expected to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials later this month.

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